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SUBJECT: PROPOSED TOURIST VISIT OF YEMENI AMERICAN CITIZENS  
TO YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC

1. DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO GAYNOR JACOBSON,  
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF UNITED HIAS SERVICE OF NEW YORK  
(TEL: 212 674-6800) FROM AMBASSADOR SCOTES.

2. BEGIN MESSAGE: APPRECIATE YOUR LETTER OF AUG 19 WHICH WAS  
OPENED ONLY AFTER I RETURNED LAST WEEK FROM VACATION. I AM  
DELIGHTED TO HEAR THAT YEMEN GOVT OFFICIALS IN THE UN HAVE  
ENCOURAGED US CITIZENS OF YEMENI JEWISH ORIGIN TO VISIT YEMEN.  
I WAS AWARE OF COURSE, THAT THE YEMEN GOVT RECENTLY  
ANNOUNCED PUBLICLY ITS WILLINGNESS ACCEPT RETURN OF ANY FORMER  
YEMENI JEWS WHO WISHED TO RESETTLE HERE. VISITS BY  
FORMER YEMENI JEWS TO THEIR RELATIVES AND CO-RELIGIONISTS HERE  
WERE NOT MENTIONED ALTHOUGH GOVT OFFICIALS HERE SAY THAT THEIR  
POLICY AND PRACTICE IS TO ADMIT INDIVIDUALS OF ANY RELIGION  
WHO ARE ABLE TO SATISFY THE GOVT OF LEGITIMACY OF THEIR  
PROPOSED TRAVEL, BE IT FOR TOURISTIC, COMMERCIAL, CHARITABLE  
OR SCHOLARLY PURPOSES.

I NEED NOT TELL YOU THAT IT MAY BE DIFFICULT  
TO PERSUADE THE YARG THAT THE CONTACTS YOU PROPOSE HAVE  
NO CONCEALED POLITICAL MOTIVES WHICH SOMEHOW SERVE  
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ISRAELI RATHER THAN AMERICAN PURPOSES, BUT YOU CAN BE

SURE THAT I AM PREPARED RAISE THE ISSUE OF THE PROPOSED  
HIAS TRIP--IF YOU WISH--AT THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL AS PART  
OF OUR OVERALL INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY TO ASSIST AND  
PROTECT AMERICAN CITIZENS WHEREVER POSSIBLE. IF YOU  
WANT ME TO HELP, I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IN MORE DETAIL WHAT  
THE VISIT INTENDS TO ACCOMPLISH, HOW LONG IT MIGHT TAKE,  
WHERE THE VISITORS MIGHT GO AND WHAT FOLLOW-ON IT MIGHT  
HAVE FOR YEMENI JEWS.

IN CONCLUSION, I WILL HELP IN ANY WAY I CAN AND HOPE  
TO MEET LEONARD SEIDEMAN HERE IN SANA.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND CONGRATULATIONS FOR THE REPORTING  
AWARE WHICH THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE  
BESTOWED ON ME AFTER MY ASSIGNMENT IN DAMASCUS. ALTHOUGH I  
MISS SYRIA IN MANY WAYS, I MUST ADMIT THAT YEMEN IS EVEN  
MORE INTERESTING AS A COUNTRY AND A SOCIETY--THOUGH MORE  
EXOTIC TOO. SINCERELY, THOMAS J SCOTES, AMBASSADOR. END MESSAGE.  
SCOTES

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